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## **Rep. Mason Condemns Assembly Republicans' Illegal, Unprecedented Actions** *'You have trampled on our democracy'*

Madison – Rep. Cory Mason (D-Racine) condemned the unprecedented attempt by Assembly Republicans to push through their attack on Wisconsin's working families through in violation of Assembly rules and tradition.

"Being in the majority does not mean you get to take away people's freedom," said Rep. Mason. "It's outrageous enough that you are determined to trample on workers' rights, but now, tonight, with your illegal actions, you have trampled on the very foundation that our legislative actions rest upon."

The Assembly's session was scheduled to start at 5 p.m. The quorum call began at approximately 4:56 p.m., and votes to engross the bill and suspend the first and second reading of the bill passed on voice votes. The body was set to vote on final passage of the bill when Democrats were finally recognized by the Speaker. The Republicans have 58 members in their caucus, which meets the three-fifths quorum requirement for a fiscal bill.

"I have never been so angry or so disappointed," said Representative Mason. "The same people sent us here. We swore an oath to our constituents that we would adhere to certain principles that are the foundation of our democracy. I do not even recognize what is happening in this great state."

Republicans later agreed to rescind their illegal votes, return the bill to an amendable stage, and then adjourned the Assembly until Tuesday.

"While I appreciate that my Republican colleagues saw the grievous error of their ways and did the right thing by rescinding their illegal votes, the fact remains that they were hell bent on passing this bill in an unprecedented and illegal way tonight. I am outraged."

"You get to set the agenda but we have rights. And they will be abided by," concluded Rep. Mason.

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